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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Catharine Anne MAPLES et al. :
Serial No. Unknown : Group Art Unit:
Filed: Herewith : Examiner:
For: IMPROVEMENTS IN DATA STORAGE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the
referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please amend claims 6, 14 and 15 as follows:

6. (Amended) A data reader according to claim 4, wherein
said given number is variable.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 12, wherein said
write pass number of said data items is compared with said current
write pass number to determine whether updating is required.

15. (Amended) A method according to claim 12, wherein said
given number is variable.